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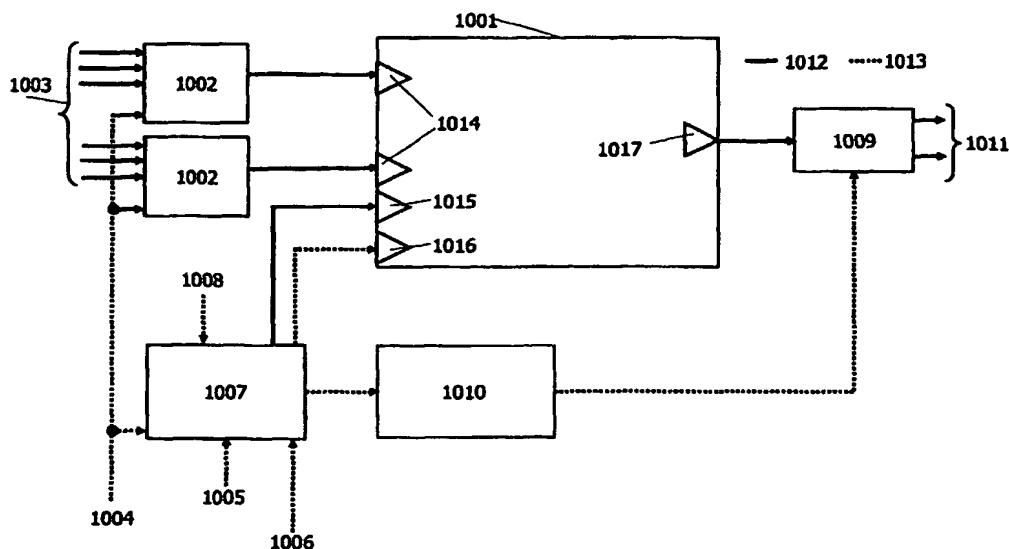
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(54) Title: A CONFIGURABLE MICROPROCESSOR ARCHITECTURE INCORPORATING DIRECT EXECUTION UNIT CONNECTIVITY



(57) Abstract: An architecture for a highly configurable and scalable microprocessor architecture designed for exploiting instruction level parallelism in specific application code. It consists of a number of execution units with configurable connectivity between them and a means to copy data through execution units under software control.

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1. claims: 1,2,12,24-25

Microprocessor copying operands to results with identity operations.

2. claims: 3-5,17

Microprocessor with specific register specifications.

3. claims: 6-9

Configurable microprocessor architecture.

4. claims: 10-11,16

Microprocessor with specific control of output registers.

5. claims: 13-15

Microprocessor with specific execution control bits.

6. claims: 18-23

Microprocessor with specific execution of a sequence of instructions.

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